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SUBJECT : Amt VI plans for post-war activities in Spain.

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In entertaining suspicion that long range plans have been prepared by Amt VI, providing for continued espionage activities in Spain after the end of the war, Dr. HOTTL believes we are off on the wrong track, pointing out that conditions in Germany hardly favor a resurgence of intelligence activities under the wings of the old RSHA in any shape or form, no conceivable movement imminent which tend to refute the assumption that in Spain, well disguised and only provided with funds, a determined group of Amt VI officials bided its time, waiting for the inevitable lull in allied vigilance to resume its activities.

1. A reorganisation of MIL Amt and K T VI from top to bottom was no doubt on the books and would have brought in its train a reshuffling of personnel on a big scale. This was merely the aftermath of the annexation of the Alsace into RSHA and the resultant disarray. If preparation for post-war activities had been on the agenda, Dr. HOTTL claims, he would have known about it. SCHLEICHERR will confirm, Dr. HOTTL states, that at no time, practically or academically, directly or by inference, has this subject, viz post-war activities of Amt VI from/neutral enclave, been broached. At no time, i.e. neither at Gruppenleiter meeting nor in the course of private conversation with SCHLEICHERR or KALTENBRUNNER.

2. Any plans on post-war activities of the above-mentioned type would naturally presuppose that somebody in Amt VI had the courage to admit frankly and openly that the jig was up and that plans should be laid with the inevitable contingency of Germany's military defeat in view. Up to the last moment operations in Amt VI were conducted on the spurious supposition that Germany could in the end force her enemies into a negotiated peace with a semblance of independence left to her. KALTENBRUNNER was sold on this idea, SCHLEICHERR was not and actually did hatch post-war plans that can be summed up in one word: SCHLEICHERR.

3. The far-sighted few in the RSHA who were actually reconciled in their minds to Germany's inevitable defeat may conceivably have toyed with the idea of going underground. If they were both far-sighted and judicious they certainly realised that espionage activities of any kind would of necessity have to be committed at by the the Western Allies, unless they were to be directed against them. Assuming the latter, any activities directed against the Western Allies, originating on Spanish soil, would hardly command themselves to the pronounced regime despite its known proclivities. This should be accepted as self-evident, Dr. HOTTL maintains.

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